

Senate File 2056 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the inclusion of age-appropriate sexual
2 abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking awareness
3 and prevention information in academic standards and the
4 health curriculum for students in kindergarten through grade
5 twelve.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, Code 2018, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* When next revising rules adopted for
4 purposes of this subsection relating to statewide health
5 literacy academic standards and twenty-first century learning
6 goals for students in kindergarten through grade twelve, the
7 state board shall consider including age-appropriate content in
8 sexual abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking awareness
9 and prevention in the statewide health literacy academic
10 standards and twenty-first century learning goals for such
11 students. The state board shall also consider prescribing
12 guidelines for the inclusion of information on sexual abuse,
13 sexual assault, and human trafficking awareness and prevention
14 in the health curriculum offered and taught under section
15 256.11. School districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and
16 area education agencies may provide age-appropriate instruction
17 in sexual abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking
18 awareness and prevention to students in kindergarten through
19 grade twelve, inclusive, as applicable. However, any student
20 in kindergarten through grade twelve shall be excused from
21 instruction in sexual abuse, sexual assault, and human
22 trafficking awareness and prevention offered and taught in
23 accordance with this paragraph, section 256.11, or section
24 279.50, upon written request of the student's parent or
25 guardian.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill directs the state board of education to consider
30 including age-appropriate content in sexual abuse, sexual
31 assault, and human trafficking awareness and prevention in the
32 statewide health literacy academic standards and 21st century
33 learning goals for such students, and to consider prescribing
34 guidelines for the inclusion of such information in the
35 health curriculum offered and taught by school districts and

1 accredited nonpublic schools. The bill also authorizes school
2 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and area education
3 agencies to provide such instruction, but requires that a
4 student be excused from such instruction if the student's
5 parent or guardian submits a written request to excuse the
6 student.